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**To:** Regional Foresters, Station Directors, Area Director, IITF Director, Job Corps, and  
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Enclosed are the National Wildfire Coordinating Group's (NWCG) incident operations driving standards for 2004. The Forest Service accepts the NWCG standards as policy, and the enclosed document supersedes prior transmittals regarding incident operations driving standards. Driving policies found in FSH 6109.11 Health and Safety Code Handbook, Chapter 12, shall be consulted for all other driving, including for mobilization and demobilization.

Fatalities associated with wildland fire suppression response driving are a leading cause of fire-related deaths, and fatigue has been a contributing factor in many of them. While this guidance provides limits that, when applied, should reduce the incidence of driver fatigue, it does not replace the proactive attention required of every line officer, fire manager, supervisor, and driver to properly manage fatigue.

Please direct any related questions to Ed Hollenshead, 208-387-5102, or Michael Harper, 703-605-4520.

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